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Working for Peace

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While in many areas of America the Fair Employment Practice laws are considered impractical and impossible of enforcement, yet the list of American cities and communities that have inaugurated such legislation, and are actually making it work, continually grows. Philadelphia is one of the last major metropolitan centers that has instituted FEPC regulations. And, remember, that in many respects racial attitudes familiar in the deep South have long been prevalent in Philadelphia. Negroes, Jewish people, Orientals and other minorities are now protected in the Philadelphia area from discrimination and unfair business practices because of race, color or creed. When Negroes serving adequately and faithfully are not promoted, while white men with less seniority are moved forward, the Negro can now apply to the FEPC for help. This has happened several times lately in Philadelphia, and the Commission, having received the complaint from the worker, approaches the firm in a **spirit of counseling and friendly suggestion**

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EVERYBODY WANTS PEACE, — even the Communists. In fact, the new Communist strategy is to start "peace programs" wherever they can and infiltrate established peace movements. Many readers ask, "How can we tell the difference between a Communist front peace movement and a sincere, genuine peace effort, worthy of support?" It is important to know, for many able and innocent people have been fooled.

HERE IS ONE SURE TEST: Communist front organizations, peace or otherwise, NEVER condemn the evils of Marxism, — they just leave a blank space there, omit all references to Moscow tyranny.

But no peace effort can go far without facing the threat of communism to human liberty and human rights which is a historic cause of war. Thus any worthy peace movement will be **anti-Communist in its policy and program.** Make sure the peace movement you work with has come out clear on this issue. If they will not, you have cause for suspicion.

ON THE OTHER HAND, a sincere peace movement NEED NOT URGE WAR WITH RUSSIA as a solution to the problem.

WE MAKE THIS POINT because there is also developing a powerful segment in and around our Government which believes that war with Russia — the sooner the better — is the only way to peace. These military-minded spokesmen are trying to lump the Communist-inspired peace movements in with the sincere anti-Communist programs, — unless the latter come out for war with Russia as the only solution. Such a tactic, although advocated by some of our top political and military brass, is about as hard on traditional American liberties as communism is itself. It will put a severe squeeze on such honored and respected peace movements as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the National Council for Prevention of War, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Quaker groups, all anti-Red.

But is not this all-out psychological preparation for war, — fomenting hatred against all things Russian (when most Russians hate communism as much as we do!); endeavoring to discredit all sincere peace movements; convincing the people that war is inevitable and all peace moves futile,—a sad revelation of the intellectual and spiritual poverty of some of our leadership? Such a tactic shuts us off from all the possible paths of reapproachment and negotiation that can prevent war and lead to peace. This tactic has already blinded many people to the fact that the **only real way to get at communism is on ideological grounds which is the very level upon which all Communist gains have been made.** The seek-peace-through-war forces believe that you can only kill Communist ideas by killing the men with the ideas along with millions of other men, women and children who are exposed to the ideas; that you can only protect cities from becoming Communist by blowing up the cities that have become Communist and destroying those whom the Communists are trying to infiltrate. Such an approach is as dangerous as communism itself, for both lead to the same thing, — an impoverished, chaotic, tyrant-ridden world.

But the most serious handicap the anti-Communist peace makers face is that most press and radio voices are subservient to the war influence, — they are going with the big war parade, where the exciting headlines are, the profits in war contracts, medals, promotions, power.

Moreover the policy of protecting ourselves from communism by force of arms or military containment has not been so successful as the public has been led to believe. Columnist Walter Lippmann, while treading cautiously around military toes, has been denouncing the Tru-

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Don't Give Up China!

The attitudes of Mao Tse Tung's Communist Government of China and China's half-million Christians have steadily improved in the past year. During 1948 many Christian schools in North China were being liquidated by the Communists and some Christian Chinese ministers in North China were imprisoned or killed. A few foreign missionaries were also assassinated. But for the past 18 months there have been no such killings that have been verified. The usual Christian activities are being carried on in Communist-occupied cities without interruption. **The Church World Service secretary for Asia, Arnold Vaught, reports that the Communist Government has expressed appreciation for the work of the combined Protestant and other relief organizations and at the present time liaison agencies are being formed between the Christian churches and the Communist Government.** Christian leaders believe that this change of policy has come because the Communist leaders recognize that the Christian movement has provided China with most of her trained leadership. Mao Tse Tung must realize that he needs more such leadership if he is to raise the standard of living, hence the many Christian colleges in China are not only continuing to operate, but, in some instances, are receiving Government aid. They offer training to Chinese youth in science, medicine, commerce, agriculture and rural reconstruction and engineering, which are the fields so desperately in need of leadership in China. Over half the medical services in China originate in Christian hospitals and clinics. Christian teachers are predominant in the new Government's Commission on Higher Education. The group who drafted the new constitution included five Christian college graduates and two Buddhists.

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Most of the Communist leaders continue to send their children to Christian missionary schools, so it is no exaggeration to say that, while America's military and political policies have failed in China, **America's Christian mission to China is still eminently successful and is grappling with communism behind the iron curtain within the very citadels of Communist power and leadership.**

Perhaps the most dramatic Christian activity being maintained in Communist China is the program of the Quaker workers, who have long been active in the Communist territories. The Quakers operate on the principle that **the world can only be changed and peace brought to the lives of men through the "kindling of the spirit of love in the hearts of all men and women everywhere."** Highly skilled Quaker workers have long been a familiar sight to Chinese Communist eyes, for **since the Communist movement began, the Quakers penetrated deep into Communist territories and set up their medical and humanitarian services.** To give you an idea of the drama of these lonely but exceedingly effective missions, here is a brief summary of a report from Quaker medical workers who have been carrying out Herculean tasks in the midst of war areas where the Communists and Nationalists have been fighting. In villages so destroyed that nothing much was left but mounds of earth and rubble, the Quakers set up hospitals in half-shattered houses, — then the women and children began to creep out of the surrounding debris. They had been huddled together for warmth in the dark caverns, some ill with pneumonia, many with smallpox and old festering wounds bound in ill-smelling rags. The Quakers first vaccinated everyone against small pox, cholera, and typhoid. People were taught to boil water and carry out other simple sanitary measures.

"In the beginning our quarters were so cramped that the same hut where we ate and slept was also the emergency room, while we made an operating room by screening off one end with a straw partition. Later we acquired a hut to use as a ward for post-operative patients. The families moved in with them, sleeping on straw mats on the clay floor, cooking over smoky fires in the doorway. Almost everything considered essential in an ordinary hospital we had to improvise or do without. The greatest number of patients had bullet and shrapnel wounds, hands blown off, eyes blinded. Many patients were dead or died shortly after arrival. We were troubled by

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man doctrine of military containment as a failure — and holding that we simply cannot buy security by re-arming others. Impoverished, still shattered and divided Greece has absorbed huge sums of American dollars, yet would quickly topple to the Reds if a real thrust should come. Our military concedes that. Some of our top strategists also concede that, after pouring out billions to re-arm Turkey to protect our position in the Near East, our allies could only hold out barely long enough for us to move in and support them. These tacticians consider this plan of using Turkey as the battleground to "hold Russia" as the "grand strategy"; but other top brass disagree, worry because it gives Russia all the advantage of fighting close in while our lines would be disastrously overextended. So we have achieved no security there.

WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS are supposed to be enthusiastically joining us in a united military front under the Atlantic Pact, — which is simply not the truth. The European nations fear Russia, but they fear war much more. There is not a one of them that is not yet struggling desperately to recover their economic life; another war will plunge them into absolute doom for generations to come. We are being led to believe that the French, English, Italians, Belgians and others are getting ready to fight, — and die if need be, — to protect the capitalistic free society and the American way of life. But the plain truth is that millions of Frenchmen, Englishmen and Italians, Scandinavians and others intend to do no such thing. They are pulling back from us.

We are shipping some arms to Europe and our leaders are confering with their leaders, but the Europeans are telling us they can pay for very little of the re-armament program. So we are facing the problem of paying the bill ourselves with our budget already in the red.

(For source material on European attitudes toward Atlantic Pact rearmament see: UN report from Geneva in the N. Y. Times, May 29th; U. S. News, Mar. 17th and Mar. 10th; Scripps-Howard papers, May 12th.)

So, with Europeans reluctant, — if we do re-arm them, can we trust them to fight with us, for us? Some of our own military leaders doubt this, are convinced the French and Italians will never fight for or with us. It will be the China situation all over again, — with the people sick of war and war's poverty, we re-arm them, — they give up and the armaments fall to the Reds.

THE TRUE SITUATIOI IN EUROPE is highlighted by the French proposal to merge the French, German and Belgium iron, steel and mining industries. The U. S. has been demanding unity and economic cooperation in Europe, so we are compelled to be polite and seemingly friendly towards this proposal, but we will discover in a few months that the proposed West Europe Industrial Merger is an effort by European leaders to gain leverage, by pooling their heavy industries, to create a **NEUTRAL European bloc, — as an alternate to an all-out war program WITH the U. S.**

If France, Belgium, West Germany pool their heavy industries and resources, they will snatch the weight of industrial leadership away from England, — and stand as a formidable bloc of power BETWEEN Russia and the U. S., — instead of being drawn deeper into the vortex of the East and West struggle.

The aim of the new European bloc will also be to restore the East-West European trade which our policy has frankly thwarted as we have sought to match Russia's economic isolationism with the integration of West European trade into our own economic world. *But with American trade restrictions still holding the wall high and tight against European trade,* European leaders discount our promises and are seeking the restoration of what they consider essentially normal European relations which *means trade with the Communist East.* So when the facts, stretching from Turkey to Norway, are brought into the open, HOW MUCH SECURITY ARE WE BUYING with all our vast military outlay?

Thus our leaders may at last be driven to exploit the long neglected non-military methods of dealing with communism, which will meet the evil on the levels of its own most effective action by:

(1). The utilization of the great new international Free Labor Federation which united millions of workers against communism in the western world and which, by effective propaganda and underground contacts, could riddle the iron curtain. (BTL, Jan. 9, '50.) But the big brass in business and in the military shy from letting labor take the lead. Thus little is done to develop this tremendous weapon against communism with its strategy of infiltrating "the worker proletariate."

(2). Greater use of the Voice of America, which, though crippled and neglected, has driven the Red tyrants crazy with its devastating thrusts. (N. Y. Times, Jan. 6th; AP, Mar. 30.) Moscow has been thrown on the defensive by the fact that Russians and satellite citizens in droves seize every chance to escape the Red frontier as a result of

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the lack of even basic first aid, but even more alarmed when first aid had been attempted. For burns came in plastered from head to foot with a paste of wet clay. A shattered hand had been dipped in dry dirt to stop the bleeding. Jagged holes were stuffed with dirty cotton batting that stuck to all the tissues.

"The emergencies came at any time. Many a midnight we would be awakened by someone calling at the door of the hut and hurry out in the dark with a flashlight to find a patient who had been carried several miles on a rope bed. We never knew what to expect when we lifted the quilt. Perhaps three frightened children with minor shrapnel wounds or an old man shot in the dark by roving bandits, or, most dreaded of all, someone with an abdominal wound usually eviscerated during the rough trip. There is no miraculous story to tell about these latter wounds. We worked over them sometimes for hours, still in pajamas, hurrying around the dark operating room with the flickering oil lamps, trying to get them out of shock, trying to sew up the holes in the gut, but we lost most of them. Tuberculosis was rampant. Kala azar was especially common among the children. You could almost diagnose it from a distance by the swelling of their huge spleens and their white faces and, all too often, the gaping black sores. There was syphilis in all its varied forms and phases. Eye diseases of all kinds, especially trachoma, were so common that the people seemed to accept partial blindness as rather normal. Flies were thick everywhere. To try to treat the endless flood of cases without trying to stop the causes seemed hopeless."

The report then tells of their efforts to reach out into the surrounding villages and establish village clinics and sanitation. The report ends with this statement: **"Throughout our stay in this area we worked in close cooperation with the Communist Government. It gave us every kind of help and encouragement. At the end of our six months emergency term we were asked to stay an additional three months. The Government sent us students who, though mostly very young, learned quickly and soon were a great help with routine jobs. They are planning to carry on a clinic after we leave, so the work will not come to an end."**

How does that sound in contrast to what is being shouted from house tops in America, — that we should have gone into China and started killing Chinese, the fathers and brothers of these afflicted fam-

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ilies, in the name of American democracy opposing communism! **These Christian workers are not only opposing communism where it does its most deadly work — in the hearts and minds of men, — but are busy at the task of outdoing and outworking communism and winning the thought and loyalty of the Chinese people to the principles of Christian democracy.** Yet these who so serve are only given pennies to work with compared to the billions spent for the military.

The reason the Chinese people have taken to communism is because they have only known poverty, disease and despair, — and communism got to them before democratic Christianity had been able to tell its story and demonstrate it through the lives of Christian people. **In spite of all the hysterical propaganda to the contrary, a war of bullets and bayonets will never stop communism, but will only widen the areas of chaos and despair in which communism inevitably expands. The teachings of Christ, implemented by the example of active Christian service, is the one battle ground where communism must meet ultimate defeat.**

Religious News

Dr. G. E. Hopkins, Methodist official recently returned from eastern Europe, declares that Christianity in eastern Europe has failed to function as the "conscience" of political and social life. He indicts both the Protestants and Roman Catholics, stating that the Roman church has compromised her political strength by intermingling her plea for religious freedom with insistent rebellion against badly needed land reforms and school reforms — where large areas of land have been held by the church and where most of the schools have been under Roman Catholic control. On the other hand, he said that Protestants, now relatively free after centuries of Roman Catholic domination, are not sufficiently alert to the threats of Communist control of all religion, since the main weight of Communist attack against religion has fallen thus far upon the Roman Cathloic Church due to their past position of dominance. But the mission leader reports that religion is a vital force in these areas and that communism will always be limited by the opposition from the churches when Communist programs reach beyond Christian law.

Land and Religion: Press reports have carried news of mounting tension between the Communist Government of Poland and the Roman Catholic hierarchy, but

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NEGLECTED EXPLORATION

We have become so obsessed with the development of destructive physical weapons that we apparently have failed to observe that every new deadly missile, atom or germ we produce can and will quickly be reproduced on the other side of the world. This universality of science should have been brought home to us when Russia upset all timetables in developing the atom bomb. Whatever we invent to destroy the enemy will be used to destory us. Moreover, physical force can stop Communists, but it can't stop communism. We are discovering that communism comes up from within wherever there is greed, hunger, poverty and desperation. And our enormous expenditures for death weapons do not even touch these causes of communism. Can we not now hold our military embattlements strong while we turn some of our talents to the development of those forces that destroy the very foundation upon which communism must stand?

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"the Voice." But Congress gives only pennies to the Voice, while powerful steel, textile, aircraft lobbies constantly prod Washington on war spending. No profits, military promotions or medals are connected with the Voice of America — hence no lobby — no congressional concern.

(3). Greater capitalization on this stream of deserters. We feed ourselves dizzy on their horror stories, but do nothing with the facts and significance of these desertions beyond the frontier. These facts could whip up jitters among the Reds, filling the air with news of folks swimming rivers, jumping out of trains, crash landing planes to escape the Red "workers' paradise."

(4). We have done nothing to encourage or aid the large religious forces in Russia and satellite areas who are in constant conflict with Soviet powers and which are known to maintain a network of powerful anti-Red underground forces. It is the custom of many — especially some military figures — to pooh-pooh these forces, yet Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, top U. S. Army man and former U. S. ambassador to Russia, has a stirring chapter in his recent book, "My Three Years in Moscow" on "God Won't Stay Underground in Russia" in which he tells of the unconquerable spirit of millions of Russian Christians! Yet nothing is done to aid this force operating against communism inside the iron curtain! Don't let anyone tell you we can't get behind the iron curtain. As every one associated with the diplomatic world will tell you, we have many espionage and counter-espionage agents active around and behind the iron curtain concentrated, of course, on military affairs.

The U. S. excels in advertising and the arts of vivid portrayal and persuasiveness — with armies of able technicians in these fields. We have thus the resources, the weapons, the men to defeat the narrow thinking, technically backward zealots of Moscow in the field of human

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little has been said about the underlying point of contention — the vast land holdings of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Poland. A recent AP dispatch reports that the Communist Government recently stripped the Roman Catholic church of its largest estates, a total of 700 square miles of rich farm lands, which would equal nearly 500,000 acres. Other reports indicate that all church farms of 250 acres or less are being left unmolested in the hands of the poorer clergy. In old Poland, land ownership was in the hands of a few very rich families who were closely allied with the Roman church, their sons often becoming members of the Catholic hierarchy. Thus in Poland there have been the wealthy clerical groups with large land holdings, possessed in the name of the church, and the "poorer clergy" comprising hundreds of monasteries and convents that live on a much more frugal standard and maintain themselves by agricultural activities. So in breaking up all the large estates and "redistributing" the land into peasant "cooperatives", the church lands have inevitably become involved. It has been the tradition in Europe for the church to support itself to a large extent from land ownership, and it will be remembered that one of the points of contention between Cardinal Minszenty of Hungary and the Hungarian Communist Government was over the million acres which the Hungarian church owned. The American Catholic church is supported chiefly by the gifts of the faithful, a system which approximates more nearly the New Testament pattern, a method which will now, no doubt, become more universal in turbulent Europe.

Jews Behind The Curtain: Jewish cultural and religious life behind the iron curtain is steadily being liquidated, according to Jewish labor leaders who have visited Europe recently. This information is corroborated by satellite newspapers, smuggled documents and first-hand accounts gathered from Jewish contacts along the iron curtain who have brought reports to predominantly Jewish labor groups in this country. Jews in Russia, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, numbering over 2,500,000 are reported being subjected to a ruthless campaign to obliterate their culture, language, literature, religion and national consciousness. The apparent aim of the Communists is to amalgamate the Jews with the other racial groups under the all-pervading Commu-

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nist thesis of life, — thus eliminating the distinctive Jewish culture and nationalism so that no possible counter-revolutionary or anti-Communist sentiments can germinate in the ideals or philosophies of Judaism. Jewish writers and cultural and religious leaders are disappearing from their communities, and every effort is being made to force the Jewish youth to abandon their spiritual inheritance, leaving communism the supreme and only cultural and ideological standard of life.

Grist for the Red Mill

Top material for the Communist propagandists! New York papers carried the report of 18 families being evicted from their homes in a tenement area and left to shiver forlornly on the sidewalk with their piles of furniture on a raw, rainy spring day. No blame was placed on the landlords who for several months have been trying to help them find new homes and had given them free rent for the last few weeks and months. But 16 of the families had no place to go and complained that they were being given the run-around by all real estate groups and housing authorities. Their children huddled by the furniture on the sidewalk, while the fathers scattered around moving in "slow despair" to find some shelter for their broods. Three of the families at last went to the office of Congressman Vito Marcantonio, who is a pro-Communist congressman from the tenement area of New York. These families, with their total of 18 children, were welcomed to the Marcantonio quarters, given food and told they might remain there until permanent shelter had been secured. Can you not imagine how Moscow plays up this story from such a responsible source as the N. Y. Times? Yet all moves to create inexpensive housing facilities for low income people is being killed in the name of stopping communism.

"Character Assassination": We have often commented on unjust smearing by hit-run accusers, and now we suggest that you take a look at a new book called "Character Assassination" by Dr. Jerome Davis, noted scholar. He has made an authoritative study of the subject, the first really comprehensive analysis available on this familiar habit of trying to silence a voice by destroying the character and reputation of a citizen. (Published by the Philosophical Library, Inc., 14 E. 40th St., N. Y. C., $3).

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thought far more effectively and quickly than we could defeat them in war.

If our leadership, stung by the growing failure of militarism, really mean what they say when they call for a great moral crusade against communism — the world may yet witness the miracle of God working in the affairs of men.

PROGRESSIVE CATHOLICISM: When Roman Catholic Sen. Chavez accused Roman Catholic Sen. McCarthy and Roman Catholic Louis Budenz of using the Catholic church as a shield for political skullduggery, the lid was tipped on a historic struggle going on in American Catholicism. The Roman church has traditionally taught that civilization was at its best in the Middle Ages when, in spite of ignorance and feudalism, all things centered in and were subservient to the church. This view considers the Protestant Reformation as the great evil of the ages; man may be wiser, freer today but he is doomed by modern scientific knowledge which has alienated him from the church.

This view holds that communism is the natural and poisonous fruit of the Protestant Reformation and that Protestantism must **some day either admit its inborn allegiance to communism or come back into the Catholic church.** The Pope's invitation last year to those who had departed from the true faith and had inadvertently, or purposefully, become allied with atheism and materialism, "to return to the only true fold" was very pointedly in that vein. Of course, Protestants hotly deny such accusations and vehemently denounce any suggestion of a retreat to dark years before the Reformation. Sen. McCarthy, an ardent Catholic, is a very vocal projection of this element within the church. The Roman Catholic Senator, while making his specific charges on the Senate floor where he had congressional immunity, made his most vicious attacks against liberal thought in general before Roman Catholic audiences using such vulgarisms as "egg-sucking liberals", "materialistic and atheistic reformer" who would "sell out the nation's soul", etc., etc. The senator also depends almost entirely upon the testimony of Catholic spokesmen such as Budenz, Bielaski, Elizabeth Bentley, etc.

But Sen. Chavez represents another strong group of Roman Catholics, a progressive and growing element in American Catholicism that rejects the philosophy of the Middle Ages. They urge the church to accept the spirit of modern enlightenment, liberty of the human conscience and scientific inquiry as a part of God's dealing with man rather than the ignorance and obedience of the dark ages which the church still upholds in Italy, Spain and elsewhere. The great Catholic rural life movement is a part of this liberal development as is the Catholic Workers movement, and the special commission of American Catholic scholars who are studying historic papal utterances to re-define the church's attitude toward democracy (BTL, Oct. 3, '49). Liberal Catholics like Sen. Chavez deeply resent the way Communists such as Budenz, Elizabeth Bentley and others have jumped out of the Communist party and sought to re-clothe themselves with respectability as Catholics, — men and women who are confessed traitors, perjurers, liars, now running around with saintly piety, collecting large fees and notoriety by accusing others. Such Catholics as Sen. Chavez also **resent the thinly veiled anti-Protestant nature of these accusations.**

The more progressive Catholics, of whom there are many, believe that American Catholicism should usher in a great new day in the church's history, a day of enlightenment, human liberty, democratic tolerance, — rather than seek to duplicate in America the unhappy picture of tyrant-ridden Spain and medieval Italy.

It is important to note at this point that Roman Catholic John T. Flynn who wrote "The Road Ahead" is a prominent voice of that **ultra-reactionary segment of Roman Catholicism** that seeks to link Protestantism per se with the evils of communism. Communism should have no place in either Protestantism or Catholicism. But the McCarthy-Flynns make no mention of the left-wing Catholic groups, — such as the very devout Catholic Workers society that is vigorously and outspokenly against all forms of capitalism and frankly advocates and practices communal living. Certainly there are liberals in the Protestant movement, — if there had not been we would still be in the dark ages. The glory of Protestantism is its championship of human liberty, a championship that embraces all the wide divisions in the search for truth, — the extreme theological or economic conservatism, as well as the adventuring spirit of Protestant youth seeking new worlds.

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CORRECTION: On page 2 of our May 22nd issue, in the point 3 paragraph we erroneously said "with Russian armed power participating"; this should read "*without* Russian armed power participating."

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rather than legal enforcement. Almost without exception, satisfactory settlements have been made upon this voluntary "counseling" basis.

Much important work was done by a special Quaker-directed placement project which directed the effort to enable capable and trained Negro craftsmen to contact progressive employers.

When an applicant for a job finds he has been discriminated against because of race, color or creed, he may apply to the Commission for help upon the basis that his qualifications are as good or better than — and his application in ahead of — the person who secured employment in his stead. Many such cases are received by the Commission and as a result most of the large business houses of Philadelphia have *voluntarily* established policies of fair practice in employment.

The Commission insists that its efforts not center on any special minority. Albert Fowler, reporting recently in The Progressive, tells of a Negro short-order cook who was fired from a restaurant and replaced by a white cook. He filed charges of racial discrimination, but the Commission discovered that he had been discharged by a Negro chef for unsatisfactory services. This chef endeavored to advertise for another Negro cook, as he had in the past before the law was enacted, but the papers could not run a discriminatory ad, so the notice appeared "Cook Wanted", but among the whites and Negroes applying the Negro chef hired the best qualified cook who happened to be a white man, so the case of racial discrimination was dismissed. In this instance, a Negro had fired a Negro and hired a white man because of superior qualifications. Labor unions in the Philadelphia area are also having to face up to their discrimination in granting the right to work to groups who could not secure union cards because of race. Some of the **union officials have proved to be more stubborn and non-cooperative** than the employers of Philadelphia. But the Commission uses the same patient persuasion upon the union chiefs as they do upon the business employers, and adjustments and complaints are handled with rarely any disturbing circumstances developing. Philadelphia has a very large Negro population, and much racial tension has existed in the city in the past. Many authorities are convinced that if the FEPC laws can work so satisfactorily in Philadelphia, they can be made to work any place in America where people are fair-minded and Christian in viewpoint.